

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—A.J. Jenkins, 48, 308 E. Walnut St., was arrested July 10 at his residence. He was charged with two counts of contempt of court (Hopkins County bench warrants). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Carey L. Bowlsbey, 44, 200 Pine St., Apt. D4, was arrested July 12 at the Minit-Mart. He was charged with third-degree criminal trespassing. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—William L. Phelps, 31, 27 Corey Lane, Lot 3, Princeton, was arrested July 13 on Flower Street. He was charged with third-degree assault (police officer or probation officer), second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and menacing. Mike Opalek was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Carey Bowlsbey, 44, 200 Pine St. Apt. D4, was arrested July 14 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. He was charged with failure to appear (bench warrant). Mike Opalek

was the charging officer.

—Zakry L. Norris, 25, 539 Redden Dock Road, was arrested July 14 at 521 E. Keigan St. He was charged with violation of a Kentucky Emergency Protection Order/ Domestic Violence Order. Mike Opalek was the charging officer.

—Leaston M. Beasley, 22, 308 E. Railroad Ave., was arrested July 14 at his residence. He was charged with failure to appear (bench warrant) and possession of marijuana. Mike Opalek was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Josh Travis.

Three local men were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department.

—Joe O. Wiggins, 51, Kingery Lane, was charged Monday with failure to appear.

—Taylor D. Daugherty, 21, Paul Peyton Road, was charged July 15 with two counts of no registration plates and failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

—Anthony W. Neisz, 45, Paul Peyton Road, was charged July 15 with cultivating marijuana and three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.



MANNING the Al E. Orten Masonic Lodge booth at Riverside Park Tuesday, July 3, are Keith Steeley and Roy Ray.

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15 Die In 15 Crashes On Kentucky Roads Last Week

Fifteen people died in 15 separate crashes on Kentucky roads from July 9 through July 15.

Fourteen of the victims were traveling in motor vehicles, and nine of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Two of the fatalities were the result of crashes involving alcohol.

One motorcycle fatality occurred, and that victim was not wearing a helmet.

Three single-fatality crashes occurred in Boone County and three in Jefferson County. Single-fatality crashes also occurred in each of the following counties: Boyd, Calloway, Carroll, Crittenden, Daviess,

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Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department June 29 through July 12.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

La Casa — 93

Minor violations:

- Door gaskets in poor repair on coolers throughout kitchen
- Debris buildup on can opener
- Bottom of a pan touching

food product

- Thermometers needed in all cooling units
- Soiled wiping cloth stored on counter top.

Papa John's Pizza — 97

Minor violations:

- Scoop without handle being used in food product
- Hand sink not working in back storage area.

The Pit Stop C-Store & Deli — 99

Minor violations:

- Door to deep-freezer in poor repair
- Upright cooler needs defrosting.

MCC Offers Quick Enroll For Part-Time Students

Designed to make college enrollment smoother for non-traditional students, Madisonville Community College offers the Quick Enroll program for students enrolling this fall.

The Quick Enroll program streamlines the registration process for students who have attended MCC in the past and plan to take six hours or less during the semester. The placement policy and prerequisites needed for some courses are still applicable under the initiative.

"We find that many students are interested in just one or two

courses for work or personal interest. By speeding up the registration process for these students, we are providing a much-needed service and making higher education more accessible," said Aimee Wilkerson, director of enrollment management.

MCC offers flexible scheduling and a variety of career-ready programs for working adults and financial aid is available to those who qualify. Students can register for the fall 2012 semester through Aug. 8. Phone 824-8696 to register for classes at MCC through the Quick Enroll program.



DR. HERBERT CHANEY finds a spot in the shade and a cool drink while he enjoys the ballgame Tuesday, July 3, at Riverside Park.

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DEFENDANT IS FORMER LOCAL TEACHER

Witnesses In Walker Trial Recall Night Of Dorm Fire

By
John Wright
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One of the final conversations Michael Minger had before he died in a Murray State University dormitory fire in 1998 was part of the testimony jurors heard Wednesday during the third day of the Jerry Wayne Walker trial in Marshall Circuit Court.

Walker is a former teacher and coach in the Dawson Springs Independent School System.

Chris Noe, who had just started his second stint as a student at MSU, testified that he just happened to bump into the Niceville, Fla., student at about 9 p.m. Sept. 17, 1998, in Hester Hall (now Hester Residential College). Minger died in a fourth-floor fire a little after 2:30 a.m. Sept. 18, a blaze police allege Walker started.

Several hours later, Noe said he was like most of the residents on Hester's fourth floor, scrambling for an escape from the fire. He and another prosecution witness, Kyle Lacefield, both testified that they attempted to find fire extinguishers to fight the blaze and found them on the third floor. By the time they returned to the fourth floor, though, the heat and smoke were too much to overcome.

Minger was also mentioned in court as being one of three students to vehemently voice concern in a meeting of fourth-floor residents after a Sept. 13 fire. Lacefield named Minger, along with Walker and Matt McBride as being the loudest voices in regard to the fire alarms not being loud enough during the Sept. 13 incident, as well as what they felt was not

a strong enough response from authorities.

McBride gave those present a harrowing account Wednesday of how he escaped the Sept. 18 incident, noting that he had to muscle his way out of Room 402 when an object outside his door blocked his route.

McBride would eventually withdraw from MSU in January 1999 after experiencing a series of events.

First, he said, he accompanied Walker — whom he knew during his time at Hester and maintained a friendship after the fire — to the Speedway/Super America convenience store near the campus when, he said, Walker began inquiring about the surveillance cameras at the store. Then, a night or two later, McBride said he responded to a thump on the outside of his off-campus apartment — into which he had moved after the fire — and found a softball that was apparently thrown against the apartment with "Hester 402" written on it. He said that prompted his decision to withdraw.

A few days later, after his parents had come from Granite City, Ill., to help him pack his belongings, a letter appeared. It was a letter, one of five stipulated for the trial as having been written by Walker, mentioning him as a suspect in the fire.

In the fifth day of the trial, the prosecution focused on when responders arrived on the scene and what they witnessed as part of cleaning and examination of the scene. According to Commonwealth Attorney Mark Blankenship, the sea of ceiling tiles and ash that covered the northwest corner of Hester Hall the morning of Sept. 18, 1998, was worth another look.

Murray Fire Marshal Dickie Walls told the court there was

heavy fire damage to that portion of the building on the fourth floor.

"Based on what I observed, the damage supports the origin of the fire," Walls said. "We had a heavy fire."

Walls, who said the Murray Fire Department was on the scene at 2:43 a.m., believes the fire was extinguished some time between 3 and 3:05 a.m.

Richard Null of the Walker defense team commented there was no way to know exactly when the fire began, though Walls said the alarm came in to the department at 2:38 a.m. Also heavily examined was the method in which students of the building were rescued.

Following cross-examination of Walls, Larry Anderson was called to the witness stand by the prosecution as a fire safety specialist. Anderson had conducted inspections of the buildings for the university for many years.

Blankenship presented Anderson with several pictures of the damage, focusing on several viewpoints of a ceiling suspension grid. A piece of metal, as seen in pictures projected on the wall, was the subject of Blankenship's questions.

Anderson said the pictures depicted an object that possibly did not belong in the ceiling infrastructure, it was reported. The defense focused on questioning Anderson about the angle of the piece of metal, which Anderson estimated to be bent at a 78 degree angle.

The defense also raised the question, if the debris had been moved prior to the pictures being taken. According to Richard Hartz, Kentucky State Police fire and arson investigator at the time and third witness on the stand, he arrived on scene at 4:30 a.m. and did not begin cleaning until 8 a.m.



MEMBERS of the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department assist Dawson Springs workers during an early morning fire at 308 E. Railroad Ave. Monday, July 16.

Dawson Springs Elementary School Class Placement List

Kindergarten:

Tracy Collins: Annicka Baird, Gracie Barnett, Dakota Berry, Eryn Camplin, Emma Carter, Bailee Coates, Bobby Cotton, Charles Day, Ellie Garrett, Keaton Gentry, Davie Hager-Mathews, Kylee Hancock, Emily Hilt, Montgomery Johnston, Bradley Latham, Aidan Lowe, Savannah Matheny, Brayden Moore, Peyton Pace, Caydin Riley, Cheydon Shelton, Lillian Simmons, Ava Ward, Tracy Young

Jackie Greenfield: Chloe Britt, Erica Bruce, Emmie Cardin, Cheyenne Earl, Ashton Farmer, Serina Fox, Kylie Grant, Corbin Higginson, Jackson Hilt, Zane Howard, Elijah McKinney, Emma Midkiff, Christopher Morgan, Memphis Opalek, Isabella Paulin, Tallie Robinson, Alley Sherman, Austin Terry, Lauren Throgmorton, Bryleigh Tolbert, Krystin Tossi, Brooklyn West, Levi West, Mariah Young

Grade 1

Lisa Cotton: Madeline Back, Austin Corbett, Tyler Crook, Dustin Drake, Hunter Dunbar, Jonathan Garrett, Benjamin Grayson Jr., Mary Greenfield, Graclyn Haynes, Ruby Jade Hilt, Thomas Humphrey, Jacob Jennings, Keith Mainwaring, Lucas Osborne, Chloe Prause, Jakob Purdy, Carissa Shaver, Juwon Smith, Haven Stevenson, Shane Terry, Kyleigh Vinson

Marcella McCuiston: Marayah Alshire, Samarah Coggins, Mackenzie Creekmur, Colton Dismang, James Embry, Casey Fain, Jeffrey Franklin, Ace Gipson, Alanna Harris, Daniel Horton, Annabell Jarboe, Jenna Joslin, Colten Moore, Mark O'Neil, Taylor Paris, Greyson Pleasant, Thomas Purdy, Kadyn Schneider, Eryn Sizemore, Jonathon Strader, Michael Sullivan

Grade 2

Lee Hall: Kianna Berry, Avaleigh Bourland, Grayson Brewer, Stevie Bullock, Dakota Carter, Noah Chappel, Grace Davis, Elijah Dickerson, Melina Harper, Samantha Hendrix, Desiree Hunt, Jay Laxton, Levi Lohse, Bryden Mann, Jordan Opalek, Kane Purdy, Maranda Sullivan, Rachael Young

Phyllis Menser: Michael Blanton, Kimberly Burbage,

Shelby Capps, Nicolas Connors, Timothy Luke Ellis, Keyle Forsythe, Payton Garrison, Logan Halverson, Christian Jones, Yosiyah McCune, Natalie Oldham, Ethan Osborne, Zachary Peters, Rylee Purdy, Matthew Spurlin, Lillian Sunderland, Abigail Ward

Brooke Throgmorton: Caden Alfred, Mary Burns, Brooklyn Clark, Tyler Hale, Kaleigh Haulk, Joshua Higginson, Christopher Jones, Joseph Joslin, Brittany Mabry, Michaela McBride, Alex Mitchell, Briana Sherman, Gage Smiley, Andrew Spurlin, Logan Spurlin, Brianna Tossi, Katelyn Young

Grade 3

Martha Davis: Daniel Back, Avery Buntin, Nathan Carson, Zach Caudill, Joshua Cross, Mathew Cunningham, Nathan Drake, Justin Dukes, Adrian Edmonson, Abigail Garrett, Madelyn Huddleston, Autumn Lohse, Austin McCutchen, Trenton Miller, Shaylea Mitchell, Lyndsie Morse, Madison Purdy, Trinity Randolph, Ryan Sunderland, Vanessa Tackett, Shevonne Weaver

Rebecca Campbell: Dylan Baker, Ben Bivins, Skye Bratcher, Ivan Childers, Christopher Corbett, Calob Davis, Landen Dukes, Marissa Foe, Bobby Forsythe, Brendan Harper, Ashley Jennings, Alley Jones, Hayden Lewis, Shayla Martin, Courtney Menser, David Moore, Cameron Morris, Amber Putman, Kamryn Sizemore, Jordan Thomas, Natasha Wigley, Gabe Workman

Grade 4

Jamie Brantley: Emily Abbott, Allie Bean, Jacob Brasher, Cydney Collins, Ayden Davis, Mattie Fain, Amber Ford, Colton Henry, Gabby Laxton, Carlton McCuiston, Kaylie McGregor, Logan McKnight, Angel Mendoza, Mathew Miller, Will Simons, Lauryn Sizemore

Carrie Durban: Lexy Blanton, Michael Burgess, Ricky Camplin, Dylan Dawson, Caleb Garrett, Skyler Garrison, Linsey Hoard, Josh Humphrey, Jaeden Hunter, Colby Johnson, Ethan Jones, Chancie Robinson, Jazman Robinson, Savannah Robinson, Tyler Son, Alond Tedder, Kara Trover

Barbara P'Poole: Madison Asher, Damien Coggins, Caroline Corbitt, Jackson Creekmur, Wanda DeTalente, Madysen Ferguson, Caden Hickerson, Ethan Moore, Wesley Odom, Landon Pace, Aaron Robinson, Caleb Skimehorn, Bailey Suttle, Tempest Tabor, Ivory Tackett, Vanessa Williams

Grade 5

Julie Scott: Andrew Barnhart, Trey Blanchard, Nan Capps, Sarah Carter, Skyler Clark, Braxton Cotton, Kaitlyn Dearing, Ethan Fain, Aubrie Gunn, Justin Knight, Abigail McGregor, Rachel Morse, Baylee Peek, Keely Riggs, Austin Rudd, Kelsea Sizemore, Franklin Suttle, Chance Woolsey

Cheryl Simons: Courtney Bayer, Cody Biddle, Jacob Drake, Daniel Garrett, Jaylyn Hooper, Aaliyah Lewis, Talaan Moore, Brandon Moseby, Sloane Parker, Slade Ramsey, Dalton Simons, Cindy Solomon, Madison Spurlin, Ethan Stuart

Susie Lovell: Charles Abbott, Devon Alshire, Reilly Andrews, Makalya Bean, Bethany Burbage, Brennan Cunningham, David Horton, Zoe Howton, Ethan Huddleston, Angel Latham, Cameron McKnight, Devon Neisz, Denisha Randolph, Emma Thorp, Ethan Vincent

Grade 6

Sherri Lanham: Breanna Adcock, Carly Alexander, Dillon Alshire, Connor Ames, Heaven Bratcher, Marlee Burden, Leah Davis, Terry Evans, Misty Fields, Katellin Green, Riley Howton, Mikayla Jackson, Kylie Littlejohn, Skyler Lohse, Keph McCune, Kayla Nichols, Carolann Oakley, James Thomas, Cainan Trautman, Justin Vincent, Tyler Weir, Erica Williams

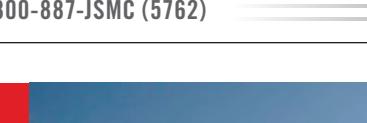
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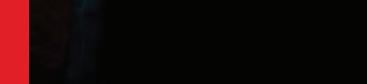
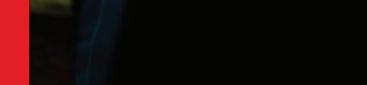
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MEMBERS WILL REVIEW OFFICIAL RECORDS

Gov. Creates External Panel To Review Child Fatalities

In order to ensure that state agencies meet the policies and standards expected in cases of child abuse and neglect, Gov. Steve Beshear issued an executive order to establish the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel. The independent, multi-disciplinary panel will conduct comprehensive reviews of child fatalities and near fatalities that are determined to be the result of child abuse or neglect.

"The death of any child for any reason is devastating to families and communities. But when a child dies or is critically injured because of abuse or neglect, we must carefully review the practices of all government entities involved to make sure that our system performed as it was supposed to – and if not, that review allows us to take disciplinary action," said Beshear. "Just as important, these reviews allow us to see if policies and practices in the entire system need to be altered to better protect Kentucky's children."

The independent 17-member panel will be attached to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for staff and administrative purposes, and will be composed of a wide range of experts and stakeholders including those of law enforcement and social services, and representatives of all three branches of state government. Those members who are not serving by virtue of their office are selected for service by external peer committees or by the Attorney General.

Members will meet quarterly to review official records, case files, or information relating to child fatalities or near fatalities and analyze the medical, psychosocial and legal circumstances of the child to identify conditions that contributed to the death or serious injury. The panel will recommend improvements to the

Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and to any other public or private agencies involved with the family relating to protocols, practice, training or other protections to keep children safe.

The panel will also publish an annual report of case reviews, findings and recommendations that will be submitted to the Governor, the CHFS Secretary, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the General Assembly and will be available to the public on the Web sites of both the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and CHFS.

"I appreciate Gov. Beshear's leadership in establishing this independent review panel to examine child fatalities in our commonwealth," said Attorney General Jack Conway. "The panel provides accountability and will help establish protocols of what can be done in the future to protect Kentucky kids."

The Cabinet welcomes a review of these cases by this professional panel and looks forward to the recommendations it will make that can guide improvements in our investigative process. Those recommendations will also be useful to all agencies and stakeholders involved with these tragedies," said CHFS Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes.

"Despite our best efforts, tragedies sometimes happen in families. When our agencies have been involved with the families before a fatality or near fatality, we investigate to ensure our workers followed the proper procedures," said Teresa James, acting commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services. "The Cabinet is continually working to improve protocols and increase training to provide

a safer environment for the children and families we serve. The external review panel will be a tremendous help in this effort."

Child and family health advocates hailed the governor's order as an important step in enhancing protections for children.

"We applaud Gov. Beshear for taking this very important first step in recognizing the need to involve the agencies, departments and professions who impact the lives of Kentucky children," said Jill Seyfred, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. "This is the first step, but not the only step we need to take in order to enhance our child abuse prevention efforts. One child fatality as a result of child maltreatment is one too many, but the work of this panel will enable all agencies impacting children to learn from mistakes and prevent similar tragedies from happening in the future."

"Child fatality review is one of the most important learning opportunities we have in our efforts to protect our most vulnerable citizens from preventable causes of death," said Dr. Melissa L. Currie, chief and medical director, University of Louisville Pediatrics – Forensic Medicine. "This action by the governor is to be commended, as it establishes a panel that will ensure that no child's death in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will go unexamined by objective and knowledgeable eyes. The lessons we learn by reviewing child deaths have come at an enormous price – the life of a child. It is our responsibility as citizens to make sure we identify those lessons and put them to good use by effecting necessary changes across all systems that interact with children. This is a tremendous step forward for Kentucky's children."



SUPERINTENDENT Charles Proffitt dishes up nachos at the baseball game preceding the fireworks show, Tuesday, July 3, at Riverside Park.

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ABOUT TOWN**By Scott****Cave People****Need To Know This**

Unless you have been in a cave for the past six months (which at least would have been a cool place to hole up) then you no doubt realize the weather has been quite warm in these parts lately.

As a matter of fact, it is now official: so far 2012 is the hottest on record, federal climate scientists have announced.

This doesn't come as a surprise to those of us outside the cave.

Through June, 22,356 daily record high temperatures have been recorded across the country, mostly east of the Rockies.

The climate report says the national temperature so far this year has been 52.9 degrees. This is 4.5 degrees above average and 1.2 degrees above the next warmest year which was 2006.

Makes you sweat (or perspire) just thinking about it — along with taking a trip outside your cave.

may grow dependent on hand-outs and not learn to take care of themselves.

Thus ends today's lesson.

The rest of these are from my good friend Darth Vader... er, that is Chip Hutchison...

—One night at an economy motel, the man ordered a 6 a.m. wake-up call. The next morning he awoke before 6, but the phone did not ring until 6:30.

"Good morning," a young man said sheepishly. "This is your wake-up call."

Annoyed, he let the hotel worker have it. "You were supposed to call me at 6!" he complained. "What if I had a million-dollar deal to close this morning, and your oversight made me miss out on it?"

"Well, sir," the desk clerk quickly replied, "if you had a million-dollar deal to close, you wouldn't be staying in this motel!"

—Two snails were standing on the side of the road, a turtle stopped and said, "Do you guys want a ride on my back?"

One of the snails took him up on his offer and off he went.

As the turtle reached the intersection, another turtle came along and crashed into him. The poor little snail was thrown and killed. A cop investigating the accident began questioning the dead snail's buddy. "What happened?" the cop asked.

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Don't consider this to be anything other than what it is — begging local citizens to again volunteer to work for a couple of hours next Friday (July 27).

Workers are needed at the community center that morning beginning around 6 a.m. to prepare the meat and more workers are needed at the municipal park to help set up the booths.

In order to relieve stress, please call one of these organizers and ask how you can help: Dianne Coates (797-8207), Pat Bruce (797-8397), Joe Allen (797-8655) or Kathy Nichols (836-3959).

Without the community support which has always been there, the Barbecue cannot continue. To quote one of the organizers: "Please help."

Here is a lesson for today...

The SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)/Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is pleased to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us to "Please do not feed the animals." They say that this is because the animals

are ill and had to stay home from school. Feeling miserable, she told her mother: "If only Adam and Eve hadn't eaten the fruit, I wouldn't be sick."

Before her mother could answer, she added: "Of course, if they didn't eat it, we'd be sitting here naked."

The man's wife was away all week at a business conference. When she arrived there, she found there was no cell phone service, so when she called home from a pay phone she had to call collect.

Their 6-year-old son picked up the phone and heard a stranger's voice say, "We have a Teresa on the line. Will you accept the charges?"

Frantic, he dropped the receiver and came charging outside screaming, "Dad! They've got Mom! And they want money!"

A young boy arrived late for Sunday school.

His teacher knew that he was usually very prompt and asked him if anything was wrong.

The boy replied no, that he was going fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church.

The teacher was very impressed and asked the boy if his dad had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing?

The boy replied, "Yes, he did. Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

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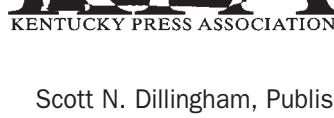
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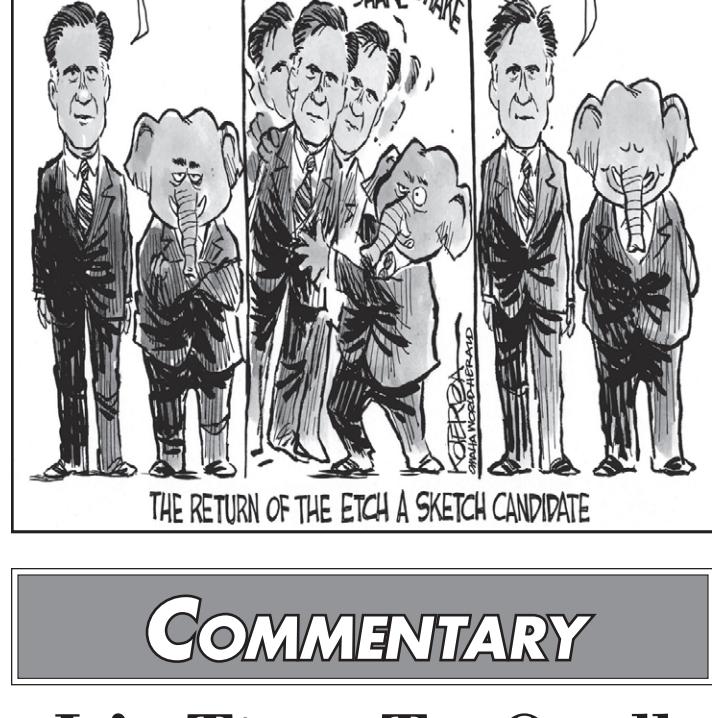
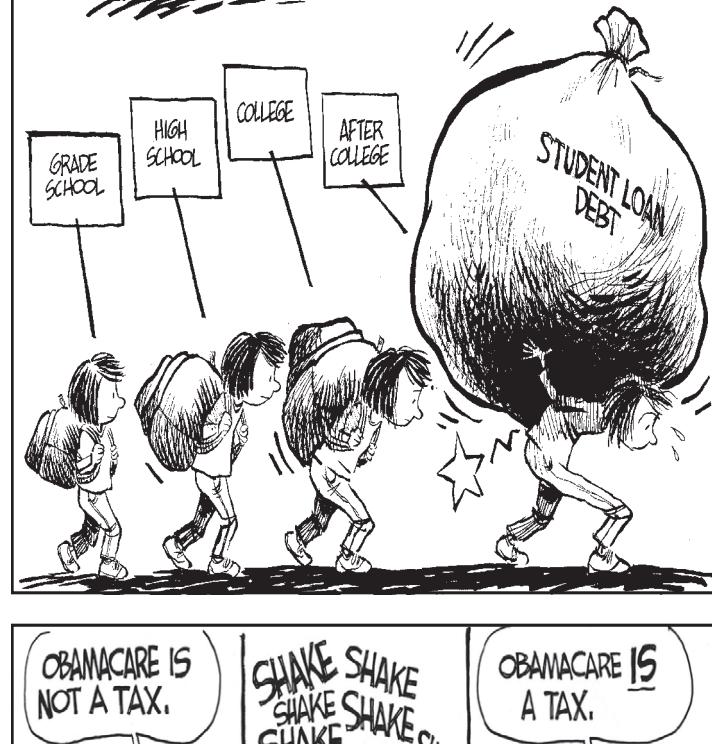
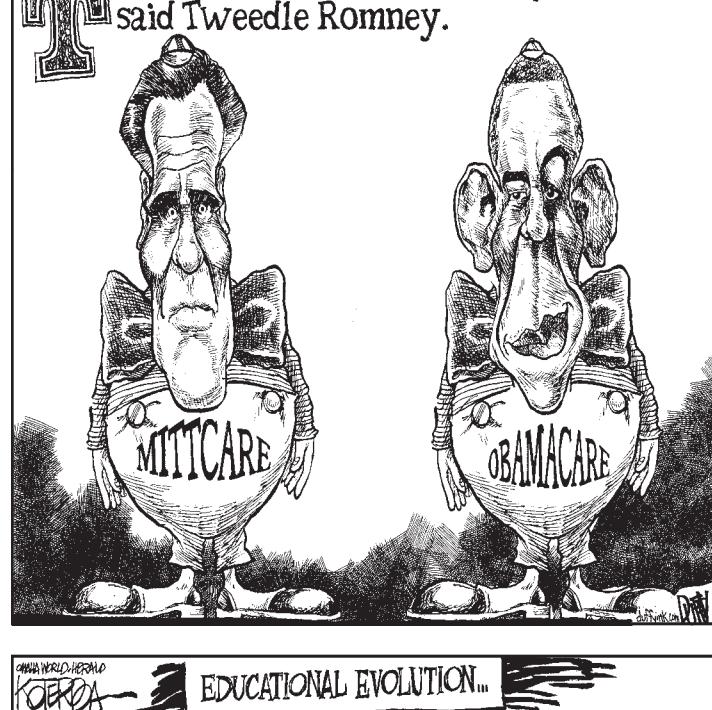
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By Scott

The difference between us is plain to see
said Tweedle Romney.



COMMENTARY

It's Time To Quell Some Partisanship

By
Lee H. Hamilton
Director of the
Center on Congress at
Indiana University

There are lots of ways in which members of Congress differ from the American people. They are wealthier, whiter and older. Proportionally more of them are men, and far more are lawyers. All of these differences can affect congressional deliberations, but none matches another yawning gap that has opened up between Congress and average Americans: Congress, unlike the country at large, is noxiously partisan.

Yes, there are partisan divisions among voters. But most Americans want to see our challenges addressed pragmatically. They are not especially interested in ideologically driven legislative maneuvering, and have almost no patience for political leaders who zealously seek partisan advantage. They want politicians to find common ground — not dwell on their differences, promote special interests or place party loyalty ahead of national progress. Americans see the value in compromise, accommodation, and civility.

Congress, on the other hand, is filled with people who barely

talk to each other, do their best to undermine the other side, and seek partisan advantage at every turn. There are exceptions, but I'm always struck by news stories outlining efforts to bridge the partisan divide — that these are news, rather than commonplace occurrences, highlights the problem.

How did Congress get to the point where partisan polarization has become the most prominent feature of American politics? There's no single reason.

The gerrymandering of congressional districts certainly has hurt. More often than not, people running for Congress do so in districts drawn to favor one party or another. This means that if there's a political threat, it's from members of their own party. There is very little reason for a candidate to consider the views of people across the political spectrum or to move to the center. Instead, the candidate must focus on the small number of partisan activists who dominate primaries.

As New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg points out, good transportation hasn't helped either. Instead of going to restaurants together or going

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Slavery Was Not An Issue

Dear Editor,

Only a few people today are aware of our American history. Check Jay Leno's Jaywalking, and you'll see what I mean.

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Let's go back to 1962. South Carolina raised the Confederate battle flag over its capital during the centennial celebration of the War of Northern Aggression. It was placed under the U.S. flag and the state flag of South Carolina. So what was

OTHER EDITORS

Appeals Court Ruled Correctly

Taxpayer-funded agencies, such as the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, have a duty and responsibility to release information to the public when requested.

For several years now, the cabinet saw it the other way, refusing to make available information about access to records of children the cabinet had contact with before they were killed or badly hurt as a result of abuse and neglect.

They were sued by the Courier-Journal, the Lexington Herald-Leader and the Todd County Standard.

In January, Franklin County Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd correctly sided with the newspapers and ruled that the cabinet willfully withheld information from them. Shepherd ruled that in cases where there has been a death or near death of a child, the balance of the equities weighs more heavily in favor of public disclosure because of the urgent need to expose the cabinet's actions to public scrutiny when its actions or failure to act has life-and-death situations.

Shepherd stated in the ruling that there is information that could be redacted by the cabinet, such as the names of child victims who are hurt, but don't die, the names of private citizens who report suspected abuse, the names of minor siblings of victims and the names of minor perpetrators.

The cabinet successfully obtained a stay, saying that providing that information could

hurt their cases, but on Monday the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled Kentucky child welfare officials must publicly release records of child abuse resulting in death or serious injury and lifted the stay, saying the public's interest in knowing how the cabinet performs outweighs the cabinet's failed attempts to show concrete injury from releasing the files.

Before this ruling, it appears that the cabinet had been stonewalling in releasing copies of cases, releasing about two redacted copies per week. The appeals court ruling now requires them to speed up the process.

The release of these records is especially important after a Courier-Journal investigation found that nearly 270 children in Kentucky had died of abuse or neglect during the past decade — more than half in cases in which state officials knew of or suspected problems.

This investigation and these numbers show a clear and disturbing problem, which only reinforces the court's findings that the public has a right to know.

The cabinet needs to adhere to the appeals court's ruling and release the reports in a timely manner.

Only then will the public be able to determine if the cabinet is doing its job in a manner citizens of the commonwealth expect.

—Bowling Green Daily News

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 18, 2002.)

The funeral for Mrs. Emma Dean Blanton, 58, is being held today at 2 p.m. at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Mrs. Evelyn P. Renshaw, 80, was held Wednesday, July 17, at Midway Valley Pentecostal Church.

The funeral for Mrs. Lana Lee East, 104, was held Saturday afternoon, July 13, at Beshear Funeral Home.

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25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 23, 1987.)

A furniture store on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Sycamore Street was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning, July 15.

Beau Jackson Copple celebrated his first birthday July 14.

Joan Hicks is one of 325

students participating in the Governor's Scholar Program at Centre College in Danville.

Rani Shea Aldridge was recently awarded first place in Hopkins County for her essay "What the Constitution Means to Me and Our Country"

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 19, 1962.)

The city attorney is drawing up a contract between the city and the state which will give the city full authority of the entire lake (Lake Beshear) with the exception of fishing and boating regulations which are always controlled by the state.

Kathy Rana Davis was born Tuesday, June 19, at the Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton. She weighed nine pounds and seven ounces,

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Grace Lee Lanning, 53, Friday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the Stationers' Register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.

• On July 19, 1799, during Napoleon Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign, a French soldier discovers a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing near the town of Rosetta, about 35 miles north of Alexandria. Called the Rosetta Stone, the artifact held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.

• On July 18, 1925, Volume One of Adolf Hitler's philosophical autobiography, "Mein Kampf," is published. It was a blueprint of his agenda for a Third Reich and a clear exposition of the nightmare that will envelop Europe from 1939 to 1945.

• On July 20, 1969, at 10:56 p.m. EDT, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

• On July 21, 1973, "Soul Makossa" is the first disco record to make the Top 40. It is now best remembered as the source of the rhythmic chant that appears in Michael Jackson's "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" in 1982.

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STORYHOUR children at the Dawson Springs Branch Library, with librarian Mary Adams, enjoying playing in the sand at a "mock" beach party at the local library Thursday, July 12, are (from left, around circle) Jackson Petit, Cora Rogers, Kallie Hancock, Emma Oldham, Sophia Johnson, Gabriel Thomas, Abby Garrett, Shiloh Garrett, Aubrey Thomas, Josiah Petit, Ellie Garrett and Gracie Grimes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the problem?

Well, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, having won all its legitimate legal battles, started looking for some reason to stay in existence and decided to attack historical symbols of the Confederacy. It dubbed that honored banner as "the most odious symbol of slavery and racism."

That's where we object. As Southerners, the battle flag is a symbol of courage, honor and love of freedom. Despite the ignorance of most people today, here are the facts. The South did not secede to preserve slavery, and the North did not invade to end it. The differences between the North and South, which surfaced long before slavery even became an issue, were economic, cultural and political.

The South seceded to preserve the constitutional republic of sovereign states, and the North invaded to destroy that republic once and for all and establish a centralized national government that we have today.

Slavery had been a global institution imposed on the colonies by Great Britain over protests, by the way, of both

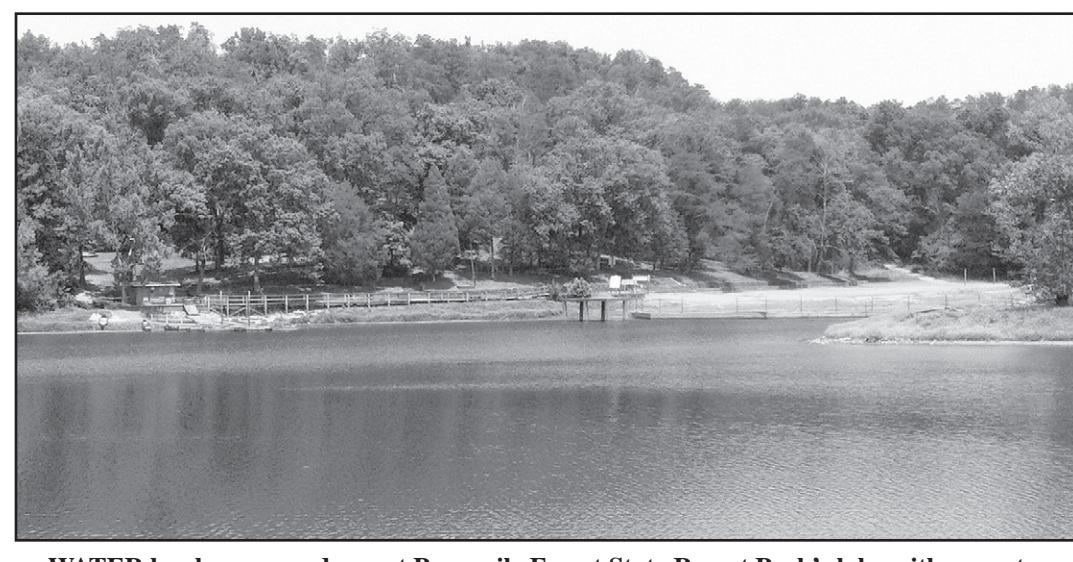
the Virginia and Georgia colonists. When the United States was created, slavery was a national institution. Racism was national. Slavery was protected by the U.S. Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court.

If any flag symbolized slavery in the United States, it was the Stars and Stripes, not the Confederate battle flag. After all, during the war, it was the commander of the Northern armies who owned slaves while the commander of the Southern armies had freed his. The majority of Southerners didn't own any slaves, and, of those who did, some were black slave owners. In short, the South is tired of being the scapegoat for national sins and a fund-raising tool for the NAACP.

A second factor in this dispute is the First Amendment. The fact that a minority or even a majority decides that a symbol is offensive cannot be a reason to ban that symbol. But because the NAACP wanted to boycott South Carolina and Georgia, I have a suggestion. Why don't all the South haters boycott the entire South all at the same time. We'd love for them to stay away.

Ray Bochert

Dawson Springs



WATER levels are way down at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park's lake with no water in the swimming area as the old diving platform is seen high above the water line. The lake's water levels were taken down early in the year in order to study what is needed to restore the swimming area. Since the lake level was lowered, there has not been enough rain to fill the lake.

It's Time To Quell Some Partisanship

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to their kids' birthday parties, members of Congress leave Washington on Thursday and spend as much time as possible in their districts. They have few opportunities to get to know one another.

The partisan divide is also exacerbated by changes in the media. The 24-hour news cycle and instant analysis have forced politicians to take positions before they really have time to think them out. Social media, for its part, creates a referendum virtually instantly on every issue. Politicians need time to study and ponder issues; instead, it's as if they face an election every day on every issue before them.

The result is that the sheer intensity of our politics has been ramped up — with money, lobbyists, interest groups, reporters, bloggers, and countless ordinary-citizen commentators adding to the pressure politicians feel, raising the stakes and amplifying the feelings on every issue.

Just as there's no single cause for Washington's out-of-control partisanship, there's no single solution. We need to find ways of reducing the outsized role of money in politics, eliminating the partisan gerrymandering of districts and opening up state primaries, so that interest groups and partisan activists have a harder time dominating elections. Congressional leaders need to expand

opportunities for members to get to know one another and their families, principally by paying attention to the work schedule; it's hard to get mad at someone you know well, much less demonize him or her.

But perhaps the most important effort would be to expand the electorate. Low turnout in our elections greatly enhances the power of highly partisan voters. More voters would force politicians to listen to a wider range of views. It would tilt the balance toward where most Americans are — somewhere around the middle.

Too often, "debate" these days is just the two parties' talking points hammering at each other in a mean-spirited, strident tone — not a genuine dialogue that searches for common ground and a solution to the problem. Changing this will require you and me to make it clear to our political friends that we do not like divisive name-calling, constantly attacking an opponent's motivation or blatant partisan calculation. Let them know that we all pay the price for excessive partisanship, and we're tired of it.

NOTICE!

Head of household 65 years of age or older may apply for a \$1.00 per month refund on their garbage service fee.

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Web-Based Reporting Portal Announced For Abuse/Neglect

The Kentucky Department for Community Based Services has announced the launch of a new Web-based abuse/neglect reporting portal that will modernize and enhance the current intake system.

The online Kentucky Child/Adult Protective Services Reporting System makes it convenient to report nonemergency situations that do not require an immediate response from the staff.

The Web site is <https://prd.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse/home.aspx>. It will be monitored from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. Reports will not be reviewed during evenings, weekends or state holidays.

Reporting suspected abuse or neglect is the law. This new online reporting system is

simple to use and will improve access to reporting for all Kentuckians by reducing wait times on the toll-free telephone hot line for non-life-threatening incidents.

Phase I of the rollout began July 9 and includes professional partners such as law enforcement and judicial officials, medical professionals, educators, child and senior caregivers and other advocates. The Web site can be accessed from any computer. Access for community partners is being initiated during Phase I before launching it for the general public later this year.

Users are required to enter an e-mail contact and will receive an immediate, automated response that their online referral has been made. Central intake staff will review reports as

they are submitted. Users will receive a response message within 48 hours only if their report has not been accepted because it doesn't meet the requirements for investigation. Reports that are accepted do not generate a follow-up e-mail message.

The reporting portal has several mandatory input fields so that intake staff can get enough information about the incident, the alleged victim, the alleged perpetrator and any safety issues. Users who cannot register information in all the required fields should call the toll-free reporting hot line 887-KY SAFE1 or 887-597-2331.

Emergency situations when a child or adult is at risk of immediate harm should be reported to local law enforcement or 911.

PROCESS INCLUDES SUPERINTENDENTS

Changes Are Approved For School Principal Selection

By Jim Warren
Lexington Herald-Leader

A system that is putting Kentucky school superintendents back into the process of selecting principals is drawing high marks.

Last year, the Kentucky General Assembly approved legislation that again gives superintendents a say in hiring principals. That job had been the responsibility of schools' site-based councils since the inception of the Kentucky Education Reform Act in the early 1990s.

The new legislation took effect last summer, but this is the first full year in which principals are being selected with superintendents taking a direct role in the process.

Groups representing principals and site-based councils say things are working well.

"We've gotten very few calls about it," said Rhonda Harmon, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Councils. "I've been a bit surprised, actually, because I thought there would be more bumps in the road. But in our organization, we haven't heard that."

School superintendents like the new process, according to Wilson Sears, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents.

"I've heard nothing but positive comments from superintendents," Sears said. "There might be some anecdotal bad stories about the process, but they have not come to me."

It's probably not surprising that superintendents would like the new system. They were never really happy with school councils having total control over the selection of principals.

In contrast, there is a perception that the change in power could weaken the roles of the members of school councils.

Harmon said that before the new law took effect, she received some calls from school council members who wanted to get new principals named before the superintendents could get involved. At the same time, some superintendents wanted to delay selections of principals until superintendents could get into the process, she said.

But the two sides are getting along, Harmon said.

"I think one thing that happens is that when two groups of people get in a room together, they learn to treat each other with respect and get along," she said. "If they're in the same room, they figure out that most everybody wants what's best for the school and the kids and parents. They all have a stake in the selection of the principal being a success."

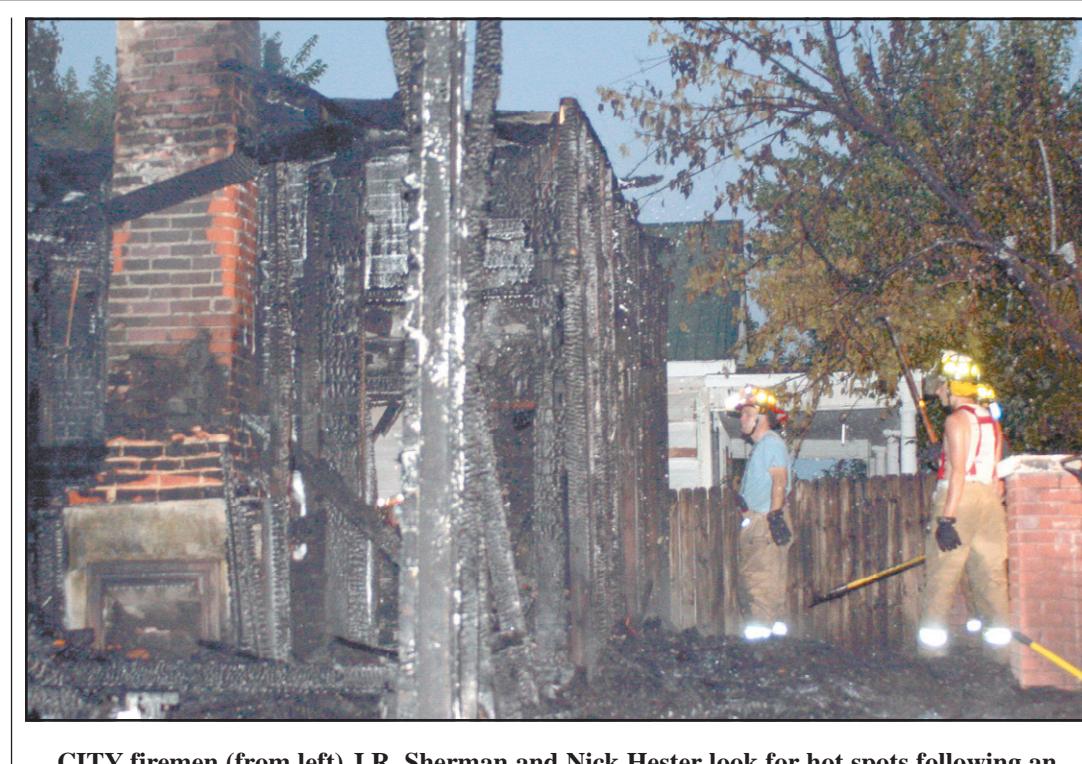
Sears agreed.

"I think superintendents in

the state just felt strongly that they should have input into the process," he said. "I think it's a process that should have been in place years ago."

Under the legislation approved last year, the superintendent, or a designee named to represent the superintendent, heads the school council during the principal-selection process and may vote on nominees. The measure also allows a superintendent to directly appoint a principal to take over a low-performing school.

Superintendents also retain the authority to review principal candidates and tell councils which candidates they think are strongest.



CITY firemen (from left) J.R. Sherman and Nick Hester look for hot spots following an early-morning fire at an East Railroad Avenue house Monday, July 16. photo by Tim Midkiff

Priorities For Strategic Planning

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ters have been sent from the city attorney's office to owners who have not complied with requests to clean up their property. According to Ben Leonard, city attorney, the next step is to file a nuisance lien against the property. He also noted a law was passed last year which would allow the city to form a code enforcement board to deal with these problems. Leonard will draft an ordinance if the council decides to take this route.

Kenny Thomas brought up the possible removal of signs in town for businesses no longer in existence, such as Buntin's car lot and the former Woodburn Drugs location. Mayor Jenny Sewell said when Woodburn's moved to Arcadia Avenue, there was strong public sentiment against destroying the South Main Street sign. She agreed, however, that the sign is deteriorating and should possibly be moved to a different location.

Thomas also pointed out that the vacant coin-operat-

ed laundry building near the branch library and Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation Center needs to be cleaned up. City clerk Janet Dunbar said the property owners have received a letter requesting the cleanup.

JoAnn Edwards was appointed to the Historic Commission. She will replace Ray Bocert who resigned when he was elected to the city council. Edwards will serve a three-year term expiring Sept. 3, 2015.

In her mayor's supplement, Sewell told the council she received a letter from Don Egbert announcing his resignation from the ethics board for health reasons. A replacement will be named at a later date.

Sewell also showed the power point presentation she used when she participated in the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference as a speaker. The presentation included highlights of Dawson Springs, Pennyville Forest State Resort Park, Lake Beshear and other features of the area.

The mayor received an e-mail from Elaine Wilson, executive director of the Office of

Adventure Tourism, concerning an opportunity for local TV exposure. The Best of America by Horseback is looking for filming locations for its 2013 rides and television show.

An application is being filed with the National Park Service for assistance with trail development. The application is due Aug. 1.

On July 26, Steve Spradlin, the Kentucky Transportation Department's tourism sign representative, will be in Dawson Springs at 11 a.m. Sewell requested council members and other interested people be present to meet with Spradlin.

Upcoming events include the Back to School Bash July 23, the Last Day of Play July 26 and the annual Barbecue July 27.

Additional volunteers are needed for the Barbecue beginning with workers to put meat on the pits at 5 a.m. July 26.

The next council meeting will be held Aug. 27. This is one week later than usual because the mayor and city clerk are attending training the week of Aug. 20.



I AM JENNIE STUART.



FORMER fire chief Terry Warren adjusts the fire truck while he enjoys a cigar early on the morning of Monday, July 16, during a house fire on East Railroad Avenue.

photo by Tim Midkiff

Expect Influx Of Motorcycles

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specialists is the number of motorcycle crashes involving alcohol. In 2010, approximately 28 percent of motorcycle fatalities involved an impaired rider.

Motorcycles account for

less than 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the U.S. and less than 1 percent of total vehicle miles traveled. However, in 2008, 14 percent of total traffic fatalities were attributed to motorcycles, 17 percent of all occupant fatalities and 4 percent of all injuries.

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BIG BLUE NATION

UK Releases Non-Conference Schedule

From
Kentucky Press
News Service

Kentucky has announced its 2012-13 men's basketball non-conference schedule.

The schedule features a season-opening game against Maryland on Nov. 9, opening the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., as a part of the Barclays Center Classic, followed by a Nov. 13 matchup against Duke in

the Georgia Dome in the Champions Classic.

The Wildcats open the home portion of their schedule on Nov. 16 with three straight home games against Lafayette College (Pa.), Morehead State (Nov. 21) and Long Island University (Nov. 23). All three games are a part of the Barclays Center Classic.

Kentucky returns to South Bend, Ind., for the first time since the 2008-09 season on Nov. 29 to take on Notre Dame in the SEC/Big East Challenge.

The Wildcats will return home for five straight games beginning with the Baylor Bears on Dec. 1, followed by home games against Samford (Dec. 4), Portland (Dec. 8), Lipscomb (Dec. 15) and Marshall (Dec. 22).

The annual UK-UL game will close out the 2012 calendar on Dec. 29 in Louisville.

The Wildcats will ring in the New Year on Jan. 2 hosting Eastern Michigan in UK's final non-conference tune-up before Southeastern Conference play begins Jan. 8-10.

Prior to regular-season action, Kentucky hosts a pair of exhibition games. The first will be Nov. 1 against Northwood, while the second exhibition will take place Nov. 5, when Kentucky hosts in-town rival Transylvania for the second consecutive year.

Kentucky begins formal preparations for the season with Big Blue Madness on Friday, Oct. 12, at Rupp Arena, followed by the Blue-White Scrimmage on Oct. 24.



PLAY BALL ...



ALYSSA DISMANG concentrates on her swing during a youth league softball game Monday, June 25, at the municipal park.

photo by Mike Howton



TYLER WEIR is ready to catch a fly ball during a youth league game Tuesday, June 19, at the municipal park.



RYAN BARDIN takes a swing at an incoming ball during a youth league game Tuesday, June 19.



COACH JEFF MILLER tries to help his players (from left) Ben Menser, Gabriel Thomas and Jett Miller locate the ball during a T-ball game, June 26. At left, Jax Miller is all smiles as he makes his way to base.

Kentucky High School Hall Of Fame Class Is As Iconic As It Gets

By
Mark Story
Lexington Herald-Leader

Wah Wah and King Kelly, Hagan and Haskins, Unseld and McDaniels.

At exactly 6:37 p.m. Saturday evening, the door of a chartered bus opened outside a renovated movie theater. What walked out was a Dream Team of Kentucky basketball royalty.

Dr. Dunkenstein and King Rex, Geri Grigsby and Clemette Haskins, Bobby Keith and Richie Farmer.

The new Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame inducted its inaugural class Saturday night in the State Theater in downtown Elizabethtown. Of the 16 Kentucky high school basketball figures recognized, every living member of the class showed up.

What resulted may have been the greatest collection of Kentucky-produced hoops icons ever in one place. If, like me, you grew up loving the legends and the lore of basketball in Kentucky, this was about as good as it will ever get.

Ever wonder how "King Kelly" Coleman, the mid-1950s shooting star at Wayland High School in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, got his nickname?

On Saturday night, you could ask him.

"One of the sportswriters wrote that coal was no longer king in the mountains; Kelly Coleman is," Coleman remembered. "After that, everyone called me 'King Kelly.'"

You probably have to have grown up attending Kentucky high school basketball state tournament games to understand why you would even ask Cliff Hagan — a man who played on a high school state champion at Owensboro, an NCAA champ at Kentucky, and an NBA champion with the St. Louis Hawks — which title was the biggest thrill?

"I've always said winning the state title at Owensboro was my biggest thrill in basketball," Hagan said. "And I would include (going into) the Naismith Hall of Fame in that. (A high school state title) is something you do for your community, something you do when you are young, a success that sort of confirms your talents, that your hard work pays off. That gives you confidence."

Pause.

"The fact that I scored 41 points in the championship game made it pretty good, too," Hagan said, his eyes twinkling.

The Kentucky High School Bas-

ketball Hall of Fame came to be after Ron Bevars, the veteran North Hardin boys' basketball coach, took the idea to Ken Trivette, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches.

Trivette said the concept was partially born from frustration that so many notable hoops figures in our state had yet to be honored by the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

"They are doing every sport and that involves a lot of people, so you understand," Trivette said. "But we wanted something to focus on basketball."

In 2009, the KABC helped create the new High School Basketball Hall of Fame as an autonomous organization. The Hall then went looking for a home.

"We had seven, eight communities contact us and three or four were serious," Trivette says. "But E'town was the most interested. It was almost like they were wooing us. And that's really what we were looking for."

The plan for the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame is to reach 100 inductees by 2018, the 100-year anniversary of the first boys' high school state tournament in the commonwealth.

To use a basketball term, the first induction ceremony was a slam dunk.

On Saturday night, you could overhear Clem Haskins and Rex Chapman comparing notes on old NBA injuries.

You could ask Richie Farmer what was more unforgettable, that gut-wrenching loss to Christian Laettner and Duke in 1992 when he was at Kentucky or the three state championship games he played in at Clay County?

"To play in five state tournaments, to get to play in three state championship games and win one, it meant everything," Farmer said.

I couldn't help but wonder why our state no longer consistently produces talent like a Wes Unseld, a Darrell Griffith or a Rex Chapman?

Bobby Keith, the iconic ex-Clay County coach and an inductee, said "boys just don't work as hard at basketball anymore. They've got cars and computers and lots of things that distract them. When I was young, we just played basketball."

On a night when there was a Kentucky high school basketball legend everywhere you looked, I couldn't get the lyrics from an old George Jones country song out of my head.

Lord, I wonder, who's gonna fill their shoes?



JONATHAN LEEK and Slade Ramsey show off their first-place trophies after their team, the Cardinals, took top honors at the Caldwell County/Dawson Springs baseball tournament June 29.

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HUD Is Offering Assistance For Homeless Ky. Veterans

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced that HUD will provide \$197,651 to public housing agencies in Kentucky to supply housing and case management for 45 homeless veterans in the state. This funding is part of a total \$75 million the Obama Administration is investing this year to house 10,450 homeless veterans who might otherwise be living on the streets.

The permanent supportive housing assistance announced is provided through HUD's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH), a program administered by HUD, VA, and local housing agencies to provide permanent housing with case management and other supportive services for homeless veterans across the country.

"Our latest count shows that homelessness among veterans has fallen by 12 percent," said Donovan, who announced \$2.5 million in additional funding. "Thanks to HUD, VA and local public housing authorities working collaboratively with VA medical centers, we're offering homes, along with critically needed supportive services, to veterans who sacrificed themselves for all Americans."

"Through HUD-VASH we will accomplish our goal – to prevent and eliminate veteran homelessness by 2015 and improve quality of life for veterans," said VA Secretary Shinseki. "No one, especially veterans who have faithfully served our country, should become homeless. VA is committed to providing veterans and their families with access to affordable housing and medical services that will help them get back on their feet."

"These grants are reducing the number of homeless veterans and is working to provide

them with the dignity they so deserve," said HUD Southeast Regional Administrator Ed Jennings, Jr.

This funding to local housing agencies is part of the Obama Administration's commitment to end Veteran and long-term chronic homelessness by 2015. Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness serves as a roadmap for how the federal government will work with state and local agreements to confront the root causes of homelessness, especially among former servicemen and women. HUD's annual "point in time" estimate of the number of homeless persons and families for 2011 found that veteran homelessness fell by nearly 12 percent (or 8,834 people) since January 2010.

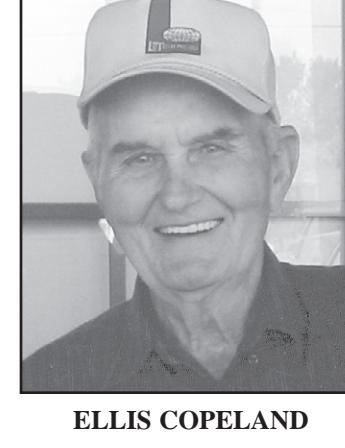
Earlier this year, HUD and VA announced \$72.6 million in HUD-VASH funding to public housing agencies in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to house more than 10,000 homeless veterans. VA Medical Centers (VAMC) provide supportive services and case management to eligible homeless veterans.

VAMCs work closely with homeless veterans then refer them to public housing agencies for these vouchers, based upon a variety of factors, most importantly the duration of the homelessness and the need for longer term more intensive support to obtain and maintain permanent housing. The HUD-VASH program includes both the rental assistance the voucher provides and the comprehensive case management that VAMC staff provides.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. VA offers eligible homeless veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers across the U.S., Guam and Puerto Rico.

OBITUARIES

Services Are Held Sunday For Ellis J. Copeland, 89



ELLIS COPELAND

The funeral for Ellis Joshua Copeland, 89, of Dawson Springs, was held Sunday at Beshear Funeral Home.

Elder Jeff Winfrey officiated. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Copeland died at 8:30 a.m. July 11, 2012, at Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born July 17, 1922, in Caldwell County, to the late Bennie and Zula Belle Chambliss Copeland.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Crossroads Christian Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jewel Francis Copeland, Feb. 14, 2005; a son, Donnie Joe Copeland, July 12, 2008; two brothers, George Copeland and Howard Copeland; and two sisters, Joyce Ann Rich and Helen Marie Thomas.

Survivors include a son, David Copeland, Dawson Springs; and four grandchildren.

Pall bearers were David Copeland, Greg Copeland, Ross Workman, Jimmy Copeland, Timmy Copeland and Jimmy Menser.

Andy Sansone and great-grandchildren served as honorary pall bearers.

Services Scheduled Today For Nora McKnight, 75

The funeral for Nora "Mae" McKnight, 75, of St. Charles, will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation was from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour Thursday.

The Rev. J.W. Haire will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in St. Charles.

Mrs. McKnight died at 1:30 a.m. July 15, 2012, at Regional Medical Center.

She was born June 19, 1937, in Vanderburgh County, Ind., to the late Charlie and Evelyn Davis Pleasant.

She was a beloved mother and homemaker and was a member of Gilland Ridge Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Mona McGregor and Sue Vandiver; and a brother, Ray Pleasant.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Kenneth McKnight, St. Charles; a daughter, Lisa McKnight, St. Charles; a son and daughter-in-law, Terrell and Debbie McKnight, St. Charles; two sisters, Faye Long, London, and Brenda



NORA MCKNIGHT

Hunt, Dawson Springs; three grandchildren, Joshua McKnight, Micha McKnight and Eric Shelton; five great-grandchildren, Conner McKnight, Gavin McKnight, Cheydon Shelton, Trevor McKnight and Kamryn McKnight; and several nieces and nephews.

Pall bearers will be Joshua McKnight, Eric Shelton, Micha McKnight, Tommy Vandiver, Randy Vandiver and Mike Long.

Honorary pall bearers will be Carlos McKnight, Jeff McKnight, Craig McKnight, Michael Wright, Jake McKnight and Ray McKnight.

Cemetery Cleaning Planned

The McNeely Cemetery

cleaning will take place at 10 a.m. July 28 for all friends and family of those buried there. The annual business meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner.

McNeely Cemetery is near

Dawson Springs. From Ky. 109, turn onto Olney Road next to the Western Kentucky parkway off ramp and then onto Walton Calvert Road.

For information, phone So-nya McChesney at 797-5738.

VBS Begins At Baptist Temple

Dawson Springs Baptist Temple will hold Vacation Bi-ble School from 1 to 3 p.m. July 19–21. All children and adults are invited to attend.

Bro. Ron Cockron, an evan-

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Cockron will also preach Wednesday night and both Sun-day services.

Ilsley Church Plans Singing

Ilsley Community Church will hold a special singing at 7 p.m. Saturday. The Dearmond

Family will be featured. For information, phone 322-3132.

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NICK HESTER, a member of the Dawson Springs Volunteer Fire Department is at work during an early morning fire at 308 E. Railroad Ave. Monday, July 16.

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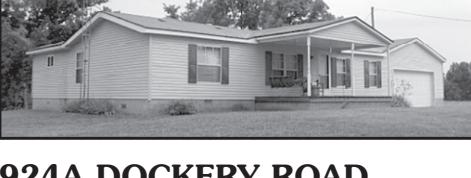
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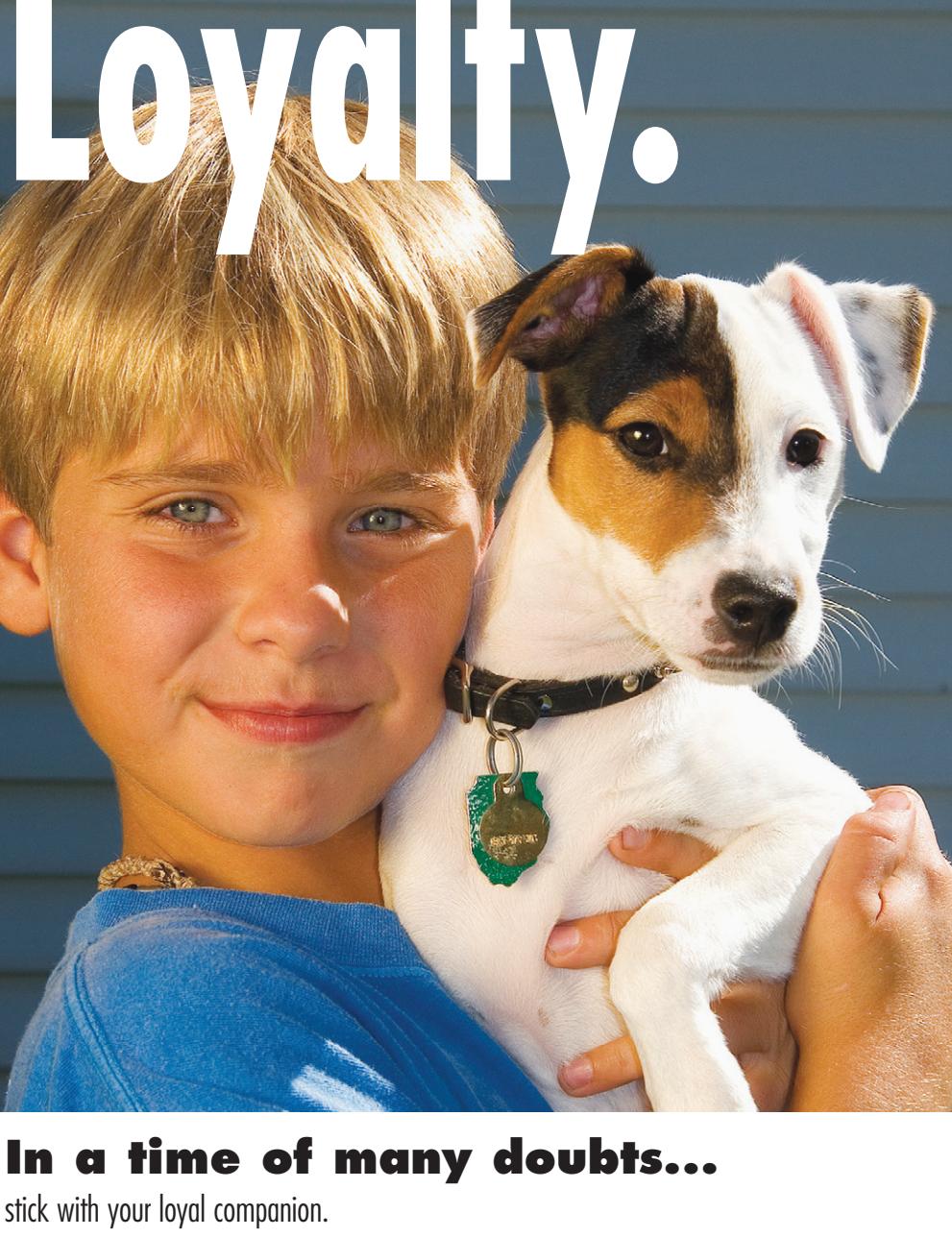
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♥ 9 8 7 5
◆ Q J 2
♣ K 9 8 7 5

WEST
♠ K 8 6 2
♥ A Q 6
◆ 10 9 7
♣ Q J 4

SOUTH
♦ A Q 10 7 5 4
♥ K J 10
◆ A K 6
♣ 10

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

The principle of covering an honor with an honor is cited with reverence from Walla Walla to Dnepropetrovsk, but the fact is that the application of this rule is not always as simple as it might seem.

Thus, it is surely correct to cover with the king if declarer leads the jack from dummy's J-3-2 facing the A-Q-4. Covering with the king holds declarer to two tricks instead of the three he would make if the jack were not covered.

But it would be wrong to cover if you had the K-x-x and declarer led the jack from dummy's J-10-

2 toward his A-4-3. He would make two tricks if you covered, but only one if you ducked. As a matter of fact, the best rule to follow is to cover an honor if it can gain a trick for your side, and not to cover if it can cost your side a trick.

This advice might not be particularly helpful, as it tells you to use your head instead of a rigid formula, but that's the kind of game bridge is.

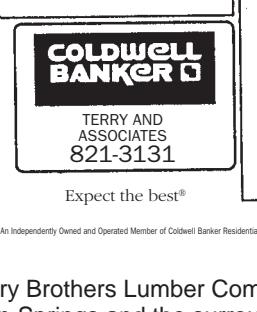
Today's hand demonstrates the principle. South is in three spades, and West leads the queen of clubs, which holds. When West shifts to the ten of diamonds, declarer goes up with the queen and returns the nine of trumps. If East ducks, so does South, and, as a result, he makes three spades.

But if East covers the nine with the jack -- as he should to cater to the possibility of West's having four spades that include the eight and a high honor -- South goes down one. The nine in this case is treated as an honor, and East covers because the play cannot cost him a trick but might gain one.

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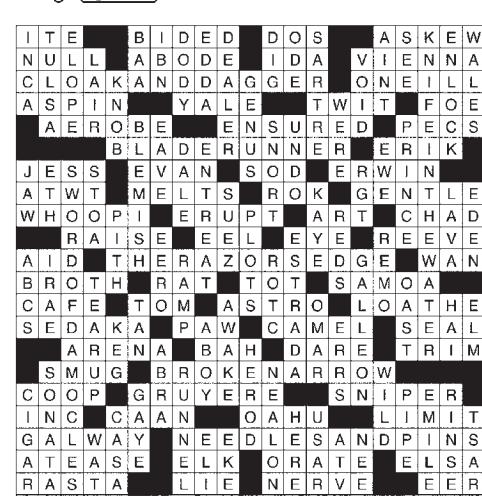
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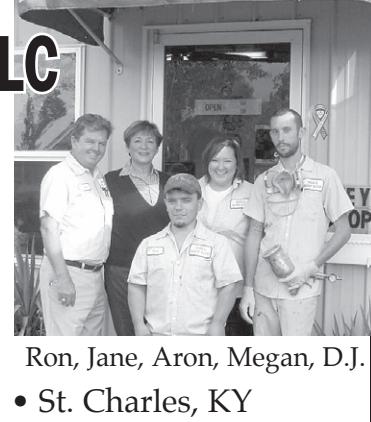


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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

You're wise to let your Arian skepticism question a former adversary's request to let bygones be bygones. Time will tell if he or she is trying to pull the wool over the Lamb's eyes.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

Congratulations. Your hard work soon pays off with some well-deserved recognition. Meanwhile, that important personal relationship needs more attention from you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

That new person in your life seems trustworthy, but don't turn him or her into a confidant just yet. Remember: The secret you don't reveal is the one you won't lose sleep over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Your kindness makes a difference in someone's life. But by week's end, a touch of Cancerian envy could create a problem with a colleague. Take care to keep it under control.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

A new spurt of energy sends you roaring back into that challenging work situation. But be careful not to overdo it, or your sizzle could fizzle before your task is completed.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Your practical sense helps you see the logic of being a bit more flexible with a workplace colleague. But you still have a ways to go before there's a true meeting of the minds.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

A surprise situation could cause you to spend more money than you feel you can

afford. But careful budget adjustments will help. Your fiscal picture soon brightens.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

That decision you made might still have its detractors, but your supporters are growing. Meanwhile, your personal life takes on some welcome new developments.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Matters of the mind intrigue the sage Sagitarian through week's end. By then, you should feel more than ready to make room for pursuits of the heart.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

The canny Capricorn can offer good counsel to others. But how about taking some advice yourself from a close friend or family member who is able and ready to help?

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

A new workplace opportunity offers a variety of challenges that you might find intriguing. Best advice: Take things one step at a time so that you don't feel overwhelmed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

A bid to revive a relationship that ended on a bitter note needs to be carefully thought out before you can even begin to consider plunging into a new emotional commitment.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy being with people, and people love being with you. You would probably do very well in politics.

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PEOPLE

License Plates Supporting Veterans Are Now Available

Gov. Steve Beshear announced that Kentucky has been awarded a grant to assist local government efforts to reduce energy consumption in public facilities.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), through the State Energy Program (SEP), awarded a three-year, \$715,000 grant to the commonwealth to conduct energy efficiency upgrades in local government facilities and develop local policies and programs that help reduce energy waste and save taxpayer money.

"The state-led projects announced will conduct whole-building energy efficiency upgrades in public buildings across the commonwealth, ultimately saving millions for local governments and creating new local jobs for energy auditors, architects, engineers and construction workers," said EEC Secretary Len Peters.

Only nine states were funded under this competitive SEP grant, which is divided into three categories: whole-building retrofit programs, policy development to increase statewide energy savings, and deployment of a fee-based, self-funded public facilities energy retrofit program.

Through this grant, Kentucky this fall will launch the Local Government Energy Retrofit Program (LGERP). The program is an initiative of the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC), Department for Energy Development

and Independence (DEI), in partnership with the Department for Local Government, Kentucky Association of Counties, Kentucky League of Cities and Kentucky Energy Services Coalition.

"Projects such as the LGERP are part of the broader energy strategy announced in 2008 by Governor Beshear to reduce energy costs in Kentucky homes and buildings, create jobs and boost American competitiveness in the global race for clean energy technologies," said EEC Secretary Len Peters.

The objectives of this program are to (1) provide training and education to local leaders on options for financing energy efficiency, cost-savings building retrofits through performance contracting and, (2) provide legal and technical assistance to local governments to better negotiate contracts with energy savings performance contracting firms and navigate the procurement process. Performance contracting allows governments to use energy cost savings to pay for building improvements without having to raise taxes. Improvements and energy savings can be implemented in buildings, water or wastewater treatment facilities, or street lighting.

According to the DOE, buildings in the United States last year consumed more than 40 percent of all the energy used by the U.S. economy.

KET To Encore 'The War' Epic

KET encores the epic seven-part film "The War" produced and directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.

The film explores the history and horror of World War II by following the fortunes of so-called ordinary American

men and women who become caught up in one of the greatest cataclysms in human history.

"The War" airs on KET Tuesday, July 31-Thursday, Aug. 2 and Sunday, Aug. 5-Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 8 p.m.



KADYN BENNETT has a ringside seat for viewing the festivities at Riverside Park Tuesday, July 3.

photo by Haley Midkiff

Health Screenings Offered At Dawson Springs Library

Life Line Screenings will be hosted July 25 by the Dawson Springs Branch Library. Local and area residents can be screened to reduce their risk of stroke or bone fractures.

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

Packages start at \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

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KENZI ALSHIRE enjoyed the end of the year celebration June 21 at the Dawson Springs headstart. submitted photo

Western Kentucky Race Series At Parks To Begin

The new Western Kentucky State Park Race Series will start Aug. 25 with the Hot August 5K at Kenlake State Resort Park in Aurora.

The Hot August 5K is the first of five state park footraces and family fun walks scheduled in Western Kentucky for 2012.

Runners of all ages can take part in all five races to capture the overall championship based on a point system. Walkers are also welcome to participate in the events.

For the first time, participants can register online at secure.kentucky.gov/renewalservices/parks/raceseries/

Additional dates and locations are:

- Sept. 22, Run Through the Forest 5K at Pennyroyal Forest State Resort Park;

- Oct. 27, Trick or Trot 5K at Lake Barkley State Resort Park near Cadiz;

- Nov. 10, Stars and Stripes 5K at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park near Gilbertsville; and

- Dec. 15, Reindeer Run 5K at John James Audubon State Park at Henderson.

Each race has a pre-registration fee of \$15 and a race day fee of \$20. For \$65, participants can sign up for all five races if paid by Aug. 24.

Registration for individual races is handled through the individual parks. The fee for

walkers for individual races is \$10 in advance of the race and \$15 on race day. Walkers can sign up for all five races for only \$40 if paid by Aug. 24.

To register for all five races, runners should complete an online registration form, available on the Web site listed below, and send it to: Western Kentucky State Parks Race Series, 500 Mero St., 11th floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Ky. 40601, or register online at secure.kentucky.gov/renewalservices/parks/raceseries/

All races will begin between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. local time on race day.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female winner of each race and first and second place winners in each male and female age division.

The grand prize winners, who must compete in all five races, will be named at the Dec. 15 John James Audubon race.

Runners who participate in all five races will receive a certificate and will be registered for a special giveaway.

Registration information is available at the state park race series Web site at www.parks.ky.gov/get-your-race-on/. You may also email or call Lisa Deavers at lisa.deavers@ky.gov or 502-564-8110, ext 246.



HAYLEE HART sells lemonade at the Wes Ausenbaugh home Friday, July 6, with proceeds from her sales sponsoring Shelia Ausenbaugh who will be walking to honor Tommy Hunt in the Walk to End Alzheimers September 29.

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